



# Brattleboro Retreat

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## **Open House to Celebrate Completion of Newly Constructed Children's Unit**

BRATTLEBORO—The Brattleboro Retreat is pleased to host a celebration and open house to mark the completion of its newly remodeled Children's Inpatient Unit on Thursday, May 14 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

The open house will include a short program and brief remarks by Dr. Robert E. Simpson, president and chief executive officer of the Brattleboro Retreat, and by Robyn Ostrander, MD, medical director of Children's Services, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for 3:45 pm. Tours of the new space will be conducted by Retreat staff. Refreshments will be served.

Attendees will include business, community and legislative leaders from southern Vermont and from the Vermont Department of Mental Health. Additionally, Vermont artist Susan Read Cronin will speak about how the Retreat's children's services have provided inspiration for her creative work with bronze sculpture.

The renovation will include 12 inpatient beds for children ages 4—12 who are suffering from a variety of challenges including trauma, depression, behavioral problems and autism and other pervasive developmental disorders.

"This needed renovation project will enhance the quality of children's care at the Brattleboro Retreat," said Simpson. "We have a unique role as Vermont's only mental health hospital for children and adolescents. This new space reflects best practices in children's mental health care today, and represents the Retreat's commitment to providing superior mental health care to young people in need."

The renovation is based on an open layout plan and includes features such as a sensory integration room, a large movement room, flexible group spaces and a specially-designed family visiting room.

The building project, launched in February, was completed by Williston-based Engelberth Construction, Inc. It was made possible through the generous support of the Thomas Thompson Trust, the Windham Foundation and countless businesses and individuals.

The Brattleboro Retreat, founded in 1834, is a not-for-profit, regional specialty psychiatric hospital and addictions treatment center, providing a full range of diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitation services for individuals of all ages and their families. Nationally recognized for its premiere treatment in behavioral healthcare, the Brattleboro Retreat offers a high quality, individualized, comprehensive continuum of care including inpatient, partial hospitalization, residential and outpatient treatment.